

Other highlights

- Questions on research space, repair/renovation, new construction, and funding are still included in the survey with minor revisions to clarify definitions and instructions
- Fields of science and engineering remain the same
- Large Facilities Follow-up Survey is discontinued

Changes to public release of data

- Beginning with the 2003 survey, individual institutional data for most items will be publicly available
- Three survey items will remain confidential: information on indirect costs, animal research space, and condition of facilities
- Data on the confidential items will be provided only as aggregate totals without individual, institutional breakdowns

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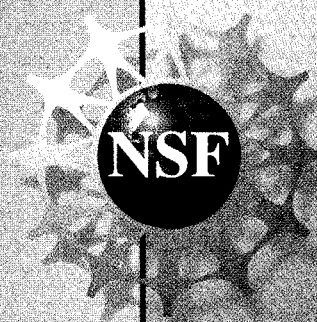
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Survey of Science & Engineering Research Facilities

Changes for FY 2003



Overview

- Congressionally mandated survey since 1986
- A biennial facilities survey of research-performing colleges and universities, and of biomedical research organizations that receive NIH funds
- A one-time, very abbreviated survey was used in 2001 while making survey improvements for 2003
- Forty-four academic and biomedical institutions were visited to discuss the survey content and ease of completing the survey
- 2003 inaugurates the new, revised survey
- New section on networking and computing capacity to recognize changes in how research is being conducted



Major changes to survey questions

- Research space is now broken out by categories of space
- Threshold raised from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for reporting projects
- Total for leased space replaces breakdowns by fields of science and engineering
- Information on new construction projects is now requested for each individual project over \$250,000 rather than as a calculation of total costs
- Questions about animal research space appear throughout the survey rather than in a separate section at the end
- Separate questions on all medical school data replace questions about biological sciences and medical sciences inside or outside a medical school

Deletions from survey

- Instructional space
- Adequacy of research space
- Amount of research space to be replaced
- Costs of small, repair/renovation projects (between \$5,000 and \$100,000)
- List of non-fixed equipment costing over \$1 million
- Costs for central campus infrastructure

New questions

- Types of research space (Question 1)
- Biosafety levels of animal facilities (Question 5)